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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS MO JO IR

SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO MOROCCO

REF: STATE 48784

1. GOM HAS TODAY PROVIDED NON-TRANSFER ASSURANCES FOR 26 F-5AS. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED TWO NOTES FROM FONMIN, ONE RELATING TO TRANSFER OF SIX F-5AS, ALSO FROM JORDAN. EACH NOTE USES IDENTICAL TEXT WHICH FOLLOWS VERBATIM THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY DEPARTMENT IN PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS. ONLY EXCEPTION IS THAT WORD "SALE" HAS BEEN CHANGED TO BROADER CONCEPT OF "ACQUISITION" WHICH THUS PERMITS LOAN OR LEASE ARRANGEMENTS. COPIES OF NOTES BEING POUCHED TO NEA/AFN.
2. MUSLO CHIEF SAW RMAF'S COLONEL KABBAJ THIS AFTERNOON AND RAISED PROBLEM OF ASCERTAINING PRECISE NATURE OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOM AND GOJ CONCERNING REPLACEMENT FOR F-5AS. KABBAJ SAID HE EXPECTS SOON TO HAVE WRITTEN AGREEMENT IN ARABIC WITH JORDANIANS ON THIS WHICH HE WILL HAVE TRANSLATED FOR US.
3. KABBAJ WANTED TO KNOW WHAT STATUS WAS AT PRESENT REGARDING TRANSFER OF THIRTY-SIX 106MM RECOILLESS RIFLES FROM JORDAN, AND SIXTEEN 155MM HOWITZERS FROM JORDAN (ORIGINALLY FROM IRAN). HE ALSO ASKED WHETHER THE HOWITZERS ARE TOWED OR SELF-PROPELLED. SINCE OUR LATEST INFO ON THIS (PARA 3 REFTEL)

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IS NOW A WEEK OLD, WE UNDERTOOK TO GET ANSWERS FOR HIM FROM

DEPARTMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S BEST CURRENT ESTIMATE AS
TO WHEN CLEARANCE PROCEDURE WILL BE COMPLETED ON THESE LATTER
TWO ITEMS, AND INFO AS TO TYPE ON HOWITZERS.
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